JUL 1 0 2002 55

07-12-02

190/81/a

press Mail making label no. EL556472662US

Date of Depusit. July 10, 2002

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D. C. 20231.

Jessica Pallach

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: H. Whitfield

Docket No.: ADEX0001

Serial No.: 09/472,100

Art Unit: 2161

Filed: 20 December 1999

Examiner: Huseman, M.

Title: Secure System for the Issuance, Acquisition, and Redemption of

Certificates in a Transaction Network

20

25

5

10

15

10 July 2002

JUL 1 7 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

GROUP 3600

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action filed by the Examiner, which was mailed to Applicant on 11 April 2002, for the above-identified patent application. Applicant considers this document to be filed in a timely manner.

Please amend the Application as follows:

35

In the Specification

On page 5, lines 20-30 of the Application as filed, please replace the paragraph with the following paragraph:

40